

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 492

Introduced by Assembly Member Cogdill

February 14, 2003

An act to amend Section 3403 of the Fish and Game Code, relating to wildlife management, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 492, as introduced, Cogdill. Wildlife habitat enhancement and management areas.

(1) Existing law provides for the propagation, utilization, and conservation of fish and wildlife resources on private lands that are approved by the Fish and Game Commission to be licensed by the Department of Fish and Game as wildlife habitat enhancement and management areas. Existing law requires the commission to require the landowners of a wildlife habitat enhancement and management area to post all or part of its boundaries with public land, and authorizes the commission to require landowners of a wildlife habitat enhancement and management area to post all or part of its boundaries with private land.

This bill would require the commission to notify the owner of each parcel that is adjacent to a proposed wildlife habitat enhancement and management area prior to authorizing the department to issue a license for that area.

(2) Existing law continuously appropriates money in the Fish and Game Preservation Fund to the department and the commission to pay all necessary expenses incurred in carrying out the Fish and Game Code and to pay the compensation and expenses of the commissioners and employees of the commission.

By imposing new duties on the commission, this bill would make an appropriation.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 3403 of the Fish and Game Code is
2 amended to read:
3 3403. (a) The commission shall require the landowners of a
4 wildlife habitat enhancement and management area to post all or
5 part of its boundaries with public land. ~~The~~
6 (b) The commission may require the owners of a wildlife
7 habitat enhancement and management area to post all or part of its
8 boundaries with private land.
9 (c) *The commission shall notify the owner of each parcel that*
10 *is adjacent to the proposed wildlife habitat enhancement and*
11 *management area prior to authorizing the department to issue a*
12 *license for the area.*

